

Montana Agricultural Exports Increased \$43 Million in 2004

The value of Montana's agricultural commodities exported during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, totaled \$436.0 million, \$43.1 million more than 2003. Wheat and wheat products remained Montana's leading export, making up 81 percent of the state's agricultural exports. Wheat exports showed the largest change, with the value of exports increasing \$44.8 million from 2003. Exports of feed grains and products showed the largest decrease, \$6.3 million less than 2003. Vegetables and preparations were up \$4.7 million. Live animals and meat exports decreased \$4.4 million dollars from 2003. Feed and fodder exports decreased \$4.6 million from 2003.

In 2004, the U.S. exported \$62.3 billion worth of agricultural commodities, increasing \$6.1 billion from 2003. Nationally, the value of wheat exports was \$6.6 billion, up \$1.3 billion to become the third largest export and making up 11 percent of all exports. Live animals and meat showed the largest decrease, down \$2.1 billion from 2003, accounting for 7.1 percent of all U.S. exports. Hides and skins was the only other category that showed a decrease in exports, dropping \$18.6 million from 2003. The export value of feed grains made up 13.0 percent of U.S. exports, trailing behind soybeans at 14.5 percent.

Montana remained in fourth place among states exporting wheat and wheat products for fiscal year 2004. The top wheat exporting state for 2004 was Kansas, followed by North Dakota, Oklahoma, Montana, Washington, Minnesota, Texas, and South Dakota. Considering export of all products, California remained on top, followed by Iowa, Illinois, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, and Minnesota. Montana decreased from thirty-second position to thirty-third position for export of all products.

Agricultural Exports for Montana and the United States 1/

Commodity	MONTANA			UNITED STATES		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Million Dollars						
Wheat and Products	197.9	310.2	355.0	4,793.6	5,312.4	6,621.5
Feed Grains and Products	14.6	20.4	14.1	6,795.6	6,684.3	8,104.4
Fruits and Preparations	--	--	--	3,433.5	3,549.5	3,807.8
Vegetables and Preparations	14.0	11.1	15.8	4,545.3	4,669.3	5,187.6
Live Animals and Meat	12.9	6.7	2.3	6,098.5	6,475.6	4,420.3
Hides and Skins	0.9	0.9	0.8	1,777.3	1,785.4	1,766.8
Poultry and Products	0.2	0.3	0.3	2,280.1	2,103.7	2,512.6
Fats, Oils and Greases	0.2	0.3	0.3	428.0	539.4	574.2
Dairy Products	--	--	--	1,031.4	1,030.2	1,321.2
Feeds and Fodders	22.9	29.2	24.6	1,950.5	1,998.6	2,027.8
Seeds	10.9	8.6	14.6	833.3	802.9	1,005.1
Other	7.2	5.7	8.4	19,324.3	21,257.8	24,947.9
ALL COMMODITIES 2/	281.6	392.9	436.0	53,291.2	56,208.9	62,297.3

1/ Fiscal year ending September 30. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Economic Research Service U.S. Agricultural Trade Update, June 2005